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## TRAFFIC CONCERNS RAISED

CSUSM faculty member hit by car while crossing street on campus

### CSUSM's plans for traffic control

BY DAVID GATLEY  
Editor in Chief

The recent pedestrian accident on campus raises many questions about the future plans for CSUSM students and faculty members regarding traffic safety and school growth. To answer many of these questions The Pride contacted the Planning, Design and Construction Staff here at CSUSM to see what, if any, plans addressing these concerns exist.

In a discussion with Bradly Fenton, the Project Manager in the Planning, Design and Construction department, the Pride found that CSUSM is in the process of having a traffic engineer make arrangements to construct a traffic signal at the intersection of Craven and Palm Canyon. In order for any construction to be started an environmental impact study must be completed. Last month the study was finalized and made available for public review. From this point all that is left is moving forward with necessary documents and gaining the appropriate funding for the project. While the new parking lot F was being constructed, simultaneously plans for an intersection at the intersection of Craven and Palm Canyon were being implemented. The plans call for a sig-

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Above: The shoe of pedestrian Antonia Olivas can be seen underneath the van that struck her on Wednesday September 6 at the intersection of Craven and Palm Canyon Rd. Right: Paramedics assist faculty member Antonia Olivas onto a stretcher to be transported to a near by hospital.



### Police report on the accident

BY DAVID GATLEY  
Editor in Chief

On Wednesday September 6 at approximately 5 p.m., a faculty member driving a late model Volkswagen van through the intersection of Craven and Palm Canyon Road struck a pedestrian crossing the road.

The driver of the van, CSUSM faculty member Dr. Gary Addou, was questioned by CSUSM police. Pedestrian and faculty member Antonia Olivas, an assistant Librarian at Kellogg Library, received medical attention and was taken to a near by hospital. No charges are being filed by either party at this time.

CSUSM police found that the driver was the party most at fault based on vehicle code 21950 (c) which states that "the driver of a vehicle approaching a pedestrian within a crosswalk shall reduce speed of the vehicle or take any action or other action relating to the operation of the vehicle as necessary to safeguard the safety of the pedestrian."

However according to CSUSM police, some other mitigating factors contributed to the accident: The sun was directly in the driver's eyes, making it difficult to see in the direction of the pedestrian. It was also found that the victim did not see the van. She report-

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### Rising housing costs make on-campus housing more attractive

BY AMANDA RUTHERFORD  
Pride Staff Writer

Have you ever thought life might be easier with out your commute to campus? When considering the high gas prices one must spend just to get to school, the cost of housing, and the additional costs of living and work, it's sometimes more affordable, to live closer to the campus. Students who commute from other surrounding communities spend consider-

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### CSUSM Surf team to hold try-outs

BY DAVID BAUER  
Pride Staff Writer

Now in their sixth season at California State University San Marcos, the ASI Surf Team is holding try outs for the coming season. Because of the team's popularity over the years, there will almost assuredly be dozens of students attempting to join—a huge leap from the original nine students in the club.

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nalized intersection to control the higher rate of traffic going through the intersection with the advent of the new parking lot. In addition to this particular intersection plans for more signalized intersections throughout campus are being drafted.

While the recent accident won't change any of the time tables for construction of a signalized intersection, it does expose the need for one. According to Fenton, the opening of lot F only exacerbated the need for a controlled intersection for the protection of both vehicles and pedestrians on campus.

Fenton also stated, "A signalized intersection was mandatory for the amount of cars that are now using the intersection." Pedestrian bridges were an option; however each intersection would require four bridges. At a cost of half a million dollars each, bridges are not a feasible solution. Lighted intersections typically cost anywhere from 150 to 250 thousand dollars. Signalized intersections are significantly cheaper than pedestrian bridges. According to Fenton, bridges are typically a waste of money as

well. Fenton also stated, "Traffic engineers have noted that people traditionally don't use pedestrian bridges if the cross walk is available. They still cross the street." Eventually lot C will have a parking structure, where a bridge may be built to come off the structure and connect to campus, however this project is six to seven years away.

As soon as funding becomes available it should take approximately six months to complete the signalized intersection. The money has been requested, and if the proposed educational bond passes in November, the money will become available. That same bond will also fund the next campus building, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Building.

After the environmental impact study has been completed, the project takes approximately six to eight months with documents and bidding. Construction takes about three months.

At this point during next semester, assuming the funding is allocated, construction on the signalized intersection could be completed.



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CSUSM Police respond to the scene of the accident on Wednesday.

"I want to remind everybody to be very cautious going through this intersection, including pedestrians and drivers. This intersection can be dangerous if people are not paying attention."

**-Doug Miller**  
CSUSM Lieutenant

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edly never looked for on coming traffic when crossing the street. Also, with the opening of lot F a new traffic situation has been presented at the intersection of Craven and Palm Canyon Road. This is something that students and faculty are not accustomed to and presents a very serious situa-

tion, showing the importance that everyone going through the intersection pay full attention. "I want to remind everybody to be very cautious going through this intersection, including pedestrians and drivers. This intersection can be dangerous if people are not paying attention," says CSUSM Lt. Doug Miller.

# Police Beat

## Missing Person:

Michelle Jamison a 22 year old female was reported missing by the Riverside Police Department. Thought to be a student at CSUSM and on her way to registering for classes, CSUSM Police were contacted and asked for assistance. Flyers were posted around campus. Ms. Jamison was later found not to be a student at CSUSM and was reported found as of 8/14.

## Grand Theft:

\$2755 worth of personal property was stolen from a UVA bedroom sometime between 7/16 and 8/16.

## Drunk In Public:

An 18 year old female student and UVA resident was transported to a local hospital for alcohol poisoning by CSUSM police on 8/1 at 1:20am.

## Misdemeanor Hit and Run:

On 8/24 at 10:30am 2 witnesses reported a vehicle striking two cars in the N parking lot on campus. A vehicle and suspect description were given to campus Police who tracked down and discovered the suspect car and owner.

## Property Destruction:

On 8/31 at 2:30pm a water balloon was launched from UVA and stuck a vehicle moving west bound at approximately 45 miles per hour. The balloon caused the windshield to shatter and could have potentially caused bodily harm to the driver. As it stands, it is a misdemeanor offense to throw an object at a vehicle, however if that object can cause bodily harm or injury it can be considered a felony offense. CSUSM police have an active investigation for the event and plan on talking to UVA residents informing them of the severity of this situation.

Any information on any of the ongoing investigations should be reported to campus police at 760-750-4567 or by emailing Lt. Miller at [dmiller@csusm.edu](mailto:dmiller@csusm.edu).

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ably more money on gas to get to school than the non-commuters who live on or around campus.

Right now the gas prices run from about \$2.87 to \$3.32 and up. For students on-campus, gas isn't as much of an issue. On-campus students don't need to drive to class, and sometimes may not even own a car, while commuters are driving anywhere from a few miles to forty or more. Surprisingly, students who stay in on-campus housing sometimes pay less on their monthly housing than those renting an apartment in other areas of San Diego.

At CSUSM, students can stay in on-campus housing apartments that are located at the base of the hill the college is built on. Built by the Allen and O'Hara business the CSUSM on-campus housing complex is walking distance from the school and can currently hold up to about 568 students. The dorms are built to be more like an apartment community than dormitories. The structures were built to look like apartments both on the inside and outside.

At the University Village Apartments, where the students live on-campus, a 'private room' costs \$700. One can have a 6-person dorm or a four-person dorm. For a dorm that holds six people, a shared room costs \$500. For a dorm that holds four people, the cost is \$600. On average a one-person apartment, that has all the same basic amenities as the dorms, would cost around \$600; of course there are exceptions with slightly lower or higher prices depending on what part of San Marcos you live in. A two bedroom, on average, starts around \$700, not including any extra bills. It gets a lot more expensive if you want newer or

more conveniently located apartments as well.

Melanee Pile, a current senior at CSUSM, currently works and lives and attends CSUSM. She is currently an RA for the UVA (University Village Apartments) and has lived in on-campus housing since summer. Though RA's live in on-campus housing for free, the experiences are still the same. "I love it" she said, when I asked her how she likes living in the dorms. When asked if some students felt constrained by living with so many other students so close to where they go to school she replied saying, "not regular dorm style. Its more like an apartment feels." With an "open community, not like a (jail) cell." When asked about comparing it to living off campus and commuting to school she said its "easier than commuting." All last year Melanee commuted forty-five minutes to make it to campus.

While not economically beneficial to everyone, namely those living at home or sharing housing off campus, living on-campus can benefit some students. For those students who want to stay in the on-campus apartments and avoid a commute to school, there is however a waiting list. With limited room, and all spots taken, the UVA has a waiting list for those seeking to get a spot. Fortunately for those wishing to live on-campus later in their academic careers and for students that will attend CSUSM in the coming years, a new parking structure for on-campus students is on the way in about a year and hopefully in three years a new "tower" of on-campus apartments will be put in to give more rooms for more students.

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On Saturday, September 30 at 7:30 am – 3:00 pm at Crosswaithe Street in Oceanside tryouts will be held for Men's and Women's Shortboard and Coed Longboard. To sign up for tryouts students can go to the Field House Recreation Center counter. Students must bring a student ID and a photocopy and a photocopy of a health insurance card. Also a participation packet and entry form must be filled out, both are available at Field House. Students must also pay an entry fee (cash or check only

payable to ASI Surf Team) amounts are \$15 if signed up by September 21, \$20 if signed up by September 28, and \$25 for beach entry. Further questions should be directed to team captain Erin Lewis at lewis060@csusm.edu or Team Managers: Jeremy Cannon canno010@csusm.edu; Analia Carlson, carls017@csusm.edu; Faculty Advisor: Dr. A. Puha, apuha@csusm.edu Coordinator of Campus Recreation: Domanic Thomas, dthomas@csusm.edu



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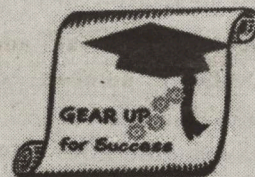
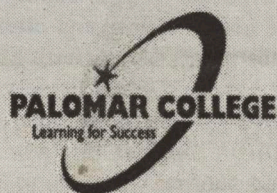


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# Checking in with UVA

BY KELLY CORRIGAN  
Pride Staff Writer

As we're going into our fourth week of school, residents and their advisors are beginning to get into the full swing of life in the University Village Apartments. J.J. Getsklw is a first time resident advisor who lived in the dorms last year. "Now that we have soccer, that's been a highlight for our residents." There have been many activities offered at the UVA this fall including free Monday night dinners put on by Bryan Dawson and his wife. "Any student loves free food. That's how we attract them to our programs." But the UVA isn't the only one producing fun activities for students to take part in. "Through the efforts of ASI, the Clarke Field House and the RA's, we've had a lot of interest in activities," Getsklw said.

According to Getsklw, most of the problems RA's have encountered have revolved around noise

complaints. With rooms of up to six roommates, each roommate is allowed to have three guests. "If it's a party or if alcohol is present, it's fine if all residents are over twenty one, if not then it's us who pour it out."

If there is an incident with alcohol or marijuana, it is the resident advisor's job to write out an IR or incident report. "If it's a first time offence, the student has a conduct meeting held by either Bryan Dawson, Ryan McCrae or Desiree Woodruff. They handle all the conduct issues. RAs have nothing to do with the conduct meeting or punishment," Getsklw said.

As Getsklw said, "Marijuana is the worst thing you can do here." The result of getting caught with marijuana is two strikes against the student. It takes three before a student can get evicted. "With a second strike, a student's contract is in jeopardy and the student is sent to the dean of students because there is an agreement

with the campus on that issue."

As for the freshman, they seem to be enjoying the overall experience of the UVA. According to Danielle Mitchell, she says, "I'm getting along with my roommate, especially since she's my best friend." As for Kierra Hunt's roommates, she says, "We're all pretty cooperative, sometimes we have misunderstandings over cleaning but we always resolve it."

During the third week of school, open door week took place for students to mingle with each other. Alex Ingram said, "The RAs try hard but they should have done open door week during the first week of school." His roommate Alfon Allen said, "I have a problem with dorm rules, the quiet hours shouldn't be at (10:00 pm)." Their roommate Greg Moore said, "Everything's cool with my roommates but it's a lot like a war bunker. It teaches us responsibility and how to make situations good."

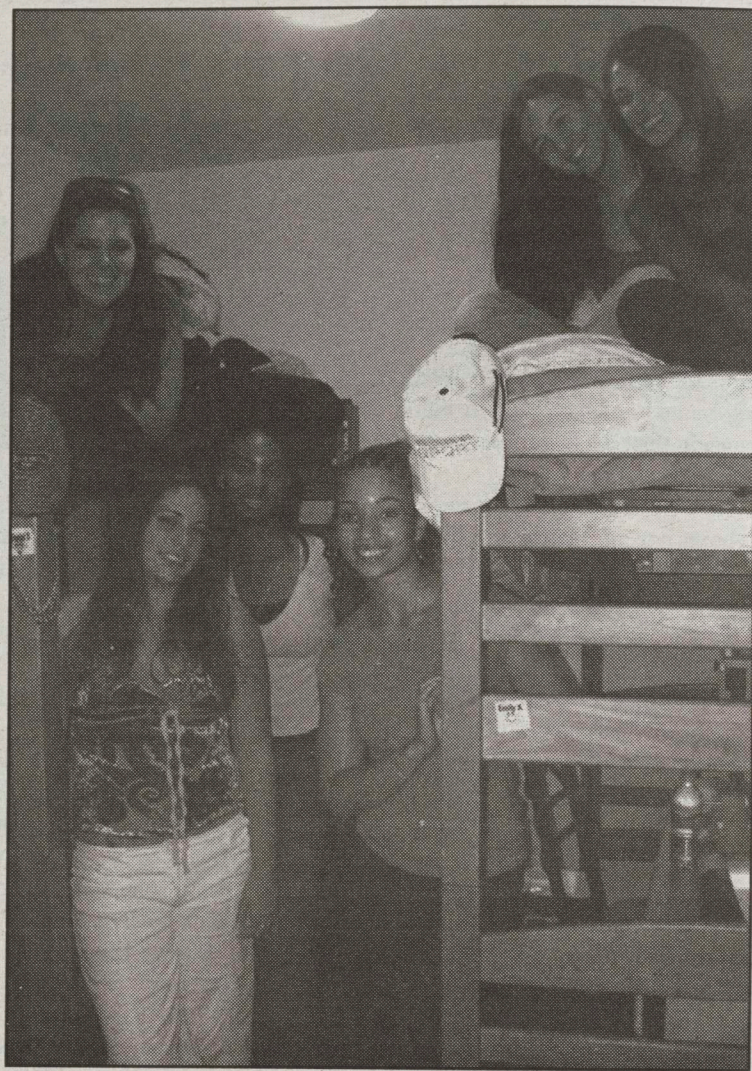


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## Club of the Week: Accounting Society

BY JONATHAN THOMPSON  
Pride Staff Writer

If you are enrolled in any College Business Administration required class or even more specifically enrolled in an accounting class this semester then you have probably already been solicited to join the CSUSM Accounting Society. As you listened to your iPod or napped during a short introduction regarding the Accounting Society you missed a chance at a potentially prosperous semester, new friends and connections, and ultimately a future career in accounting.

Most students would agree that this is not the best way to start a semester. Fortunately for those who are still interested or dare to be different and be involved with CSUSM making it the great campus that it is today, the Accounting Society is still

looking for you. The CSUSM Accounting Society (as it is officially titled in Article One of the Bylaws for the group) is more commonly known as the Accounting Society to CSUSM students. "We are looking at increasing our memberships from interring business. And non-business students and keeping regular members active," stated Jessica Alfaro who is the current President of the Accounting Society who is an Accounting Major who plans to graduate this December of 2006 said Alfaro.

The Accounting Society is recognized as "the oldest club", according to Alfaro, and was established before the current CSUSM campus was built and the school was hosted in a shopping center in San Marcos. The Accounting Society was originally created to "act as an interface for students and accounting

professionals and so students could get a good understanding of what the accounting industry was like," said Alfaro. The Accounting Society contributes to CSUSM by "presenting CSUSM in a strong and professional way while getting students prepared" for classes and future careers said Alfaro. A trend can be seen in the Accounting Society. "Accounting Society Alumni often times work in the firms that donate to CSUSM or directly to Accounting Society and other Alumni will also look at current members in the Accounting Society" for future positions said Alfaro. The Accounting Society holds two weekly meetings currently in Markstein Hall 104 on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12 o'clock to 1 o'clock during University Hour. Students should expect "to get professional knowledge and to

network with professionals with a strong emphasis on accounting," said Alfaro. The Accounting Society also holds events off campus that help students with their careers and networking. This past week on September 7th the Accounting Society held and invent at Carlsbad Windmill called

Clear Connections that "over 65 students and over 50 professionals attended," said Alfaro. The next two weeks will hold four meetings for the Accounting Society on the 13th, 14th, 20th, and the 21st of which they will be held in Markstein Hall 104 from 12 o'clock to 1 o'clock during University Hour, and food provided of course. Enrollment for the Accounting Society "has really increased, we have 80 total student members and we had over 110 attendees at the last meeting," which was

held August 30th said Alfaro. "All students are encouraged to get involved now and attend the meetings," said Alfaro. Still think that Accounting Society is not for you, maybe perhaps it's too stuffy? Upon calling a willing and patient Alfaro for some last minute questions regarding the Accounting Society late and extremely last minute on a Saturday night a familiar loud thumping beat of "Play that funky music" by Wild Cherry throbbed through the phone. Open the door yourself and check out one of these meetings that the Accounting Society has to offer.

For more information please visit:

[http://public.csusm.edu/student\\_orgs/accounting\\_society/](http://public.csusm.edu/student_orgs/accounting_society/)

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# Facebook sets online privacy rights precedent

BY SABRINA BAGLEY  
Pride Staff Writer

At 4:03 am on Tuesday, September 5, Facebook launched Newsfeed, a live feed of the activities of all your online friends. However well intentioned this new addition to the popular networking site may have been, it was met by great opposition from privacy concerned users. In an attempt to keep friends connected, Facebook became a main topic of discussion among college students.

Has the line been crossed? Is this detailed tracking of your friend's actions really necessary, or even entertaining? More importantly, has the vestige of anonymity the internet once had been breached with this report of every click made? Is this just a glimpse into the future of networking website spying?

The addition of Newsfeed to the popular networking website Facebook.com has left many users with an uneasiness about their actions on the site being tracked and broadcast. The addition of this detailed record of the going-ons of your friend list has caused many to wonder if this is the beginning of the addition of

even more voyeuristic features to popular networking websites.

Although networking websites such as myspace.com and facebook.com provide easy access to information about others, providing pictures, locations, ages, and favorite activities, many users feel that the addition of news feed has taken the idea of seeing what your friends are up to online to a level further than many ever expected or desired.

With the inception of such facebook groups such as "I Hate Stalker Facebook," its quite obvious how many users feel about the addition of the news feed. Many students feel as though the addition of news feed crosses that fine line of internet privacy. Another bone of contention with users is the uncontrollability of the news feed. In a time of internet networking accounts where every aspect is customizable, the fact that users are unable to remove news feed and prevent every click and keystroke from being recorded has proved unsettling.

However, Facebook immediately took user response into consideration, and modified Newsfeed to be much more user

friendly. Facebook released a statement in regards to the newly improved news feed. "The recent outpouring of feedback confirms

the passion people feel for Facebook and its importance in their lives. The launch of News Feed and Mini-tFeed is consistent with how we rollout products release, gain, feedback, and modify and the response we have heard from many of our 9 million users has not been ignored. Facebook gives people control over their information. Consistent with that, we have engineered new functionality that gives users additional controls in News Feed and Mini-Feed."

In addition to this statement, the founder of Facebook, Mark

Zuckerberg, issued an apology for the apparent invasiveness of Newsfeed. "We really messed this one up. When we launched News Feed and Mini-Feed we were trying to provide you with a stream of information about your social world...Somehow we missed this point with News Feed and Mini-Feed and we didn't build in the proper privacy controls right away. This was a big mistake on our part, and I'm sorry for it...This may sound silly, but I want to thank all of you who have written in and created groups and protested. Even though I wish I hadn't made so many of you angry, I am glad we got to hear you."

"We really messed this one up... This was a big mistake on our part, and I'm sorry for it."

**-Mark Zuckerberg**  
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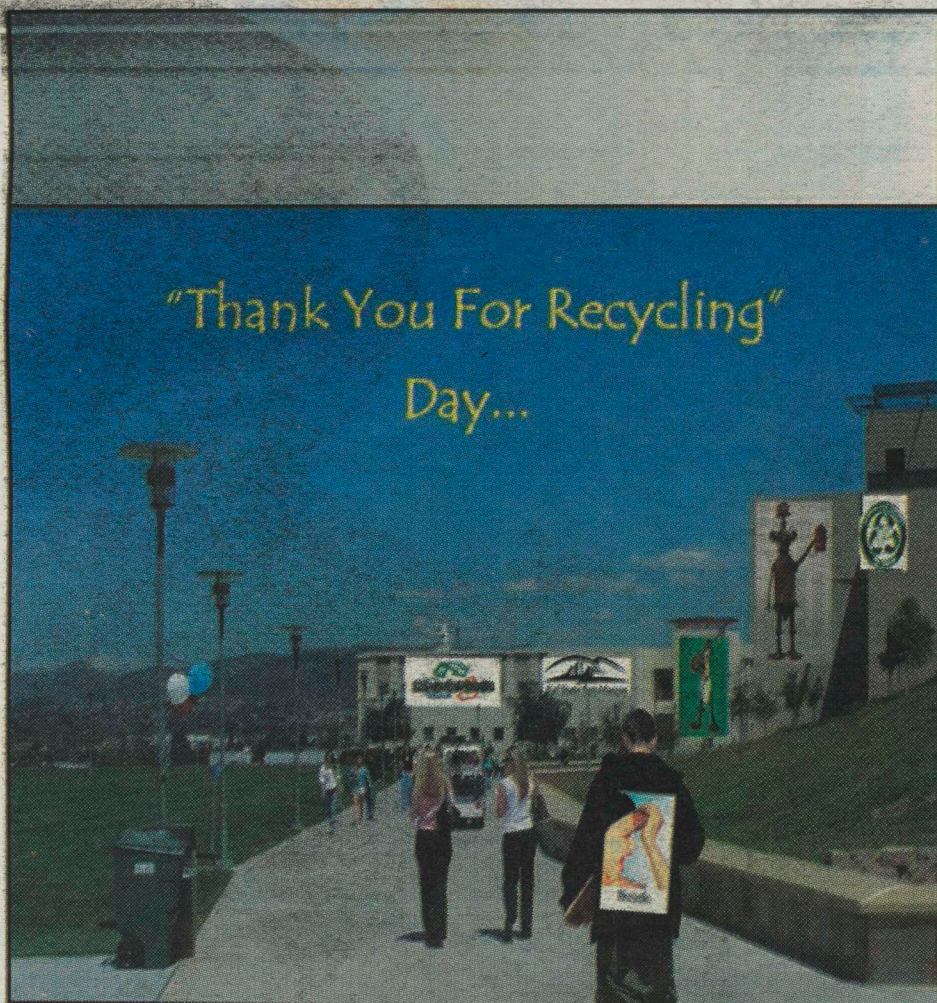
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# Men's soccer team dedicates win to Steve Irwin

BY FERNANDO BROWN  
Pride Sports Writer

Last week, the world was shocked to hear news regarding the untimely death of Steve Irwin, "The Crocodile Hunter". People worldwide have been expressing their condolences and appreciation for his contribution towards wildlife preservation. The Cal State San Marcos men's soccer team went into Saturday's game with the objective of winning for the university and in memory of Steve Irwin.

On Saturday September 9, after two scoreless halves between CSUSM and visiting Pomona Pitzer, the game headed into double overtime. Senior Ben Crouse, a transfer from the University of Notre Dame, set up Freshman Bradley Seidenglanz for the game winning goal. Immediately after the goal, Seidenglanz sprinted towards the Cougar fans, raising his jersey and unveiling his "In Memory of Steve Irwin" undershirt.

"I was a big fan of 'The Crocodile Hunter.' I use to watch him as a kid", said Seidenglanz. "The teammates and I thought of a way to celebrate his life."

In an offensive 1-0 struggle, the men's team endured a physical contest, testing their will and determination. A visibly bigger and athletic Pomona team disrupted the play of the confident Cougars.

"We were not as sharp, or focused today," said Coach Ron Pulvers. "Our concentration was off."

On several occasions the Cou-

gars were not able to capitalize on scoring opportunities which could have given them an early psychological and tactical advantage.

Freshman Troy Skoma's attempted shot was blocked by Pomona's goalie in the 86th minute. Crouse followed the blocked shot with a header, which deflected off the cross bar, impeding the Cougars momentum.

Junior goalkeeper Trent Painter

successfully held Pomona in check, completing his third consecutive shutout.

"Trent has been outstanding, he's been our wall," said Seidenglanz.

The women's soccer team had their hands full with San Diego's Point Loma Nazarene University (Ranked No. 10 in NAIA). Early in the first half, Point Loma showcased their talent, scoring

four consecutive goals en route to a 4-0 victory.

CSUSM had some trouble generating offense but did have one scoring opportunity in the 80th minute when junior Randi Leyva took a penalty shot that sailed over the goal.

Undeterred by the early deficit, the women of CSUSM demonstrated character by playing to the end.

"That's what we are trying to reinforce, keep fighting, keep battling and keep getting better," said Pulvers. "You have to play better competition to get better."

With a current record of 1-4, coach Pulvers expects his women's team to bounce back and win some games in the upcoming weeks. The men's team remains undefeated at home and 4-1 on the season.

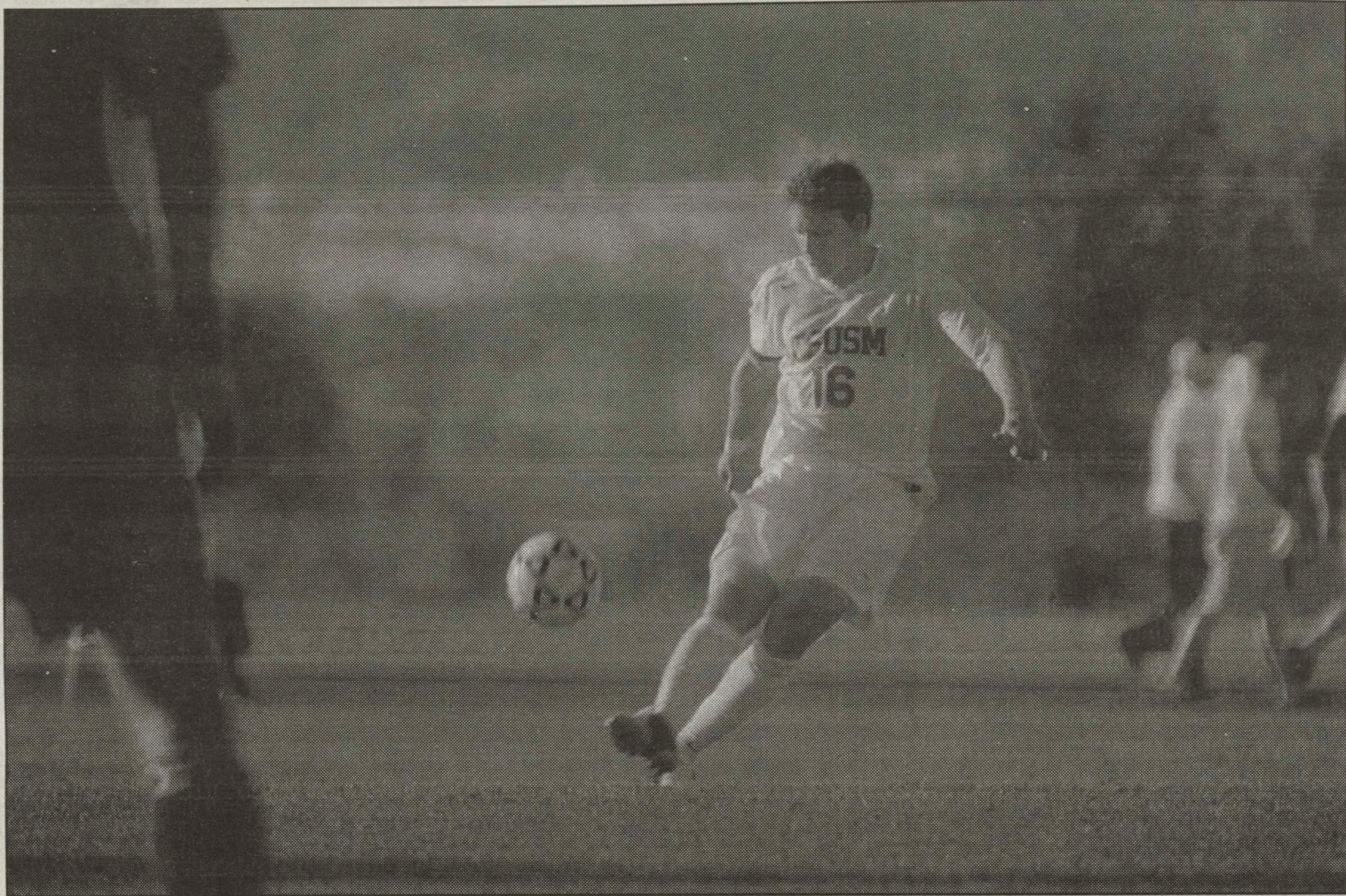


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Pictured above is number 16 CSUSM mens's defender Ben Crouse sending the ball up the field.

## Soccer Summary

Men's

Women's

4-1

RECORD

1-4

Win

7-0

9/7 vs. SD Christian

Loss

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9/9 vs. (M)Pomona  
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# Jock Talk With Josh: Steve Foley

BY JOSH SANDOVAL  
Pride Sports Writer



hitting other cars and road barriers. He followed Foley to his home on Travertine Court in Poway, all the while making several attempts at pulling him over and attempting to let him know that he was an officer.

I personally haven't had the best experiences with cops, partially because some of my friends are not that bright, and simply because I am Latino. I can remember one time playing basketball in an area that is not accustomed to diversity and having two cop cars pull onto the court with sirens blaring, asking me questions about who I was and what I was doing. That was in the sunlight, so I can only imagine what a black man who plays in the NFL would be thinking if someone claiming to be an off-duty cop at 3 AM was following

him while waiving a gun. For all Foley knew, Mansker could have been some crazy fan.

I know many of you are probably saying, "Why do you have to bring race into this?" Well, my answer is that because whether you want to admit it or not, race is a factor in nearly everything in life. I suggest taking Intercultural Communication 330 with Fredi Avalos or Sociology Inequality 311 with Donna Goyer. Those classes could clear some things up for you.

I've got to be honest and say that if I am driving at 3 AM and someone claiming to be an off-duty cop tries to pull me over, there is no way I am pulling over. I am waiting for back-up to show, because general protocol for most police departments state that an off-duty officer should not

attempt an arrest immediately, but wait for uniformed officers to show up on the scene in marked cars. I, like Foley can only react on my own experiences. Someone in plain clothes waiving a gun at me is not an officer, even if he claims to be one.

Mansker claims that Foley reached for his waistband when he stepped out of his vehicle near his home. I don't know about any of you, but hearing that piece of news reminded me of the scene in "Crash" when Ryan Phillippe's character kills Larenz Tate's character. Phillippe thinks Tate is reaching for a gun in his jacket and Tate is actually trying to show him that they own the same religious artifact.

Foley is a menacing looking dude, but everyone I know who has had experiences with him has

had nothing but the nicest things to say about him. I have spent numerous days at Chargers training camp the past two seasons and have witnessed his interaction with the fans. Other than Ladinian Tomlinson there may be no greater Chargers ambassador to younger fans than Foley.

I am in no way defending Foley because the guy does have some alcohol related problems in his past and at the time I am writing this not much has been confirmed regarding this incident. All I am saying is that there are sketchy circumstances on both sides of the ball in this situation.

By the way, if I offended any of the officers on this campus, I didn't mean it. I love you guys, so don't bother me.

Comments can be sent to Sando026@csusm.edu.

## Letter to the Editor: Pedestrians need to be careful

Do you all remember the days when Mommy and Daddy would constantly tell you to look both ways before you walk out into the street? Did you all somehow forget how to look once you got to college? After the accident that happened on Wednesday around 5:15pm, I would hope that most of you would realize that it could have been you lying in the road. I do not know all the details, because it was

minutes after I had crossed, but I hope anyone involved in the accident is alright. I understand everyone is in a hurry to get home or to work so you just walk out to get to your car thinking "they'll stop, I'm a pedestrian, I have the right a way" but that won't always play in your favor. With the new lot F open, the line of cars trying to leave down the hill is incredible! Why not instead of walking by yourself across

the road, holding up that line of traffic, you wait until there is a group of students to cross. Let the cars get out as well, I'm sure they are in just as big of a hurry as you are. We can't always have the campus police out there directing traffic so we need to be adults here and pay attention! Don't just step off the curb and HOPE the cars see you and stop, because they may not. I don't think we'll be getting a traf-

fic light with the flashing hand allowing you to cross anytime soon so until then, look both ways before you cross, and let a few cars go until there are a few people to walk across with you.

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# Poet's Corner

## On This Sidewalk

On this sidewalk  
Stained of gum  
Dirt, oil, sweat,  
And human-  
On this sidewalk  
Sat a yearning old woman  
With long hair speckled of salt and  
pepper-  
Hair as course as a horse's mane.  
With a face that wore wrinkles of  
struggle and age-  
A face hopeful beyond reason.  
With blue eyes that looked to the people  
on the street-  
and to the hot engines,  
waiting on the road;  
She'd see the flash of green-  
and witness their freedom.  
With every footstep of every stranger,  
She'd hold her breath-  
and wait  
and wonder.  
In her pen she'd take refuge-  
She'd breathe in the stiff scent of black  
ink,  
follow the lines as she went-  
With yellow calloused fingertips,  
She'd caress the rough edges and corners  
of her cardboard-  
and she'd write a single plea.  
On this sidewalk  
Sat a humble old woman  
With one request-  
If nothing else, smile.

- Kelly Corrigan

## Hilltop

I went to watch a sunset at a park on top of a hill.  
Not for any poetic reasons but just because I'd  
never seen one before  
And I wanted to know what everyone was talking  
about.  
I sat and watched to the West as the last of the sun  
sunk away  
Disappeared into nothing.  
There were families there.  
Playing Frisbee and barbequing.  
Their children laid in the swings twisting the  
chains around to make themselves dizzy  
I looked to the South  
On the bottom sat my old high school.  
I had been to this spot many times before  
Never to watch sunsets.  
Only to look upon the past  
Always alone  
Always at night  
I turned to the East  
I was deaf in my left ear from the wind blowing to  
the South.  
I closed my eyes and listened.  
Listened to the wind  
Listened to twisting swings  
Listened to cars driving on the freeway to the  
South.  
I took a deep breath and wondered if this is what  
it's like the  
Last minute before you die.  
Do you stop and take in all that you never did?  
Or are you so preoccupied with dying  
That you let it all end without taking note.  
I thought on this and turned to the North  
To leave the hill  
Fathers were throwing trash away  
Mothers made plans for tomorrow  
Children, still twisting  
Begged for five more minutes.  
Turned to walk away and saw a couple  
Who were facing the West  
Who had been sitting on a bench the whole time.  
As I left I looked down at my hands  
And noticed how dry they were.

- Travis Rivas

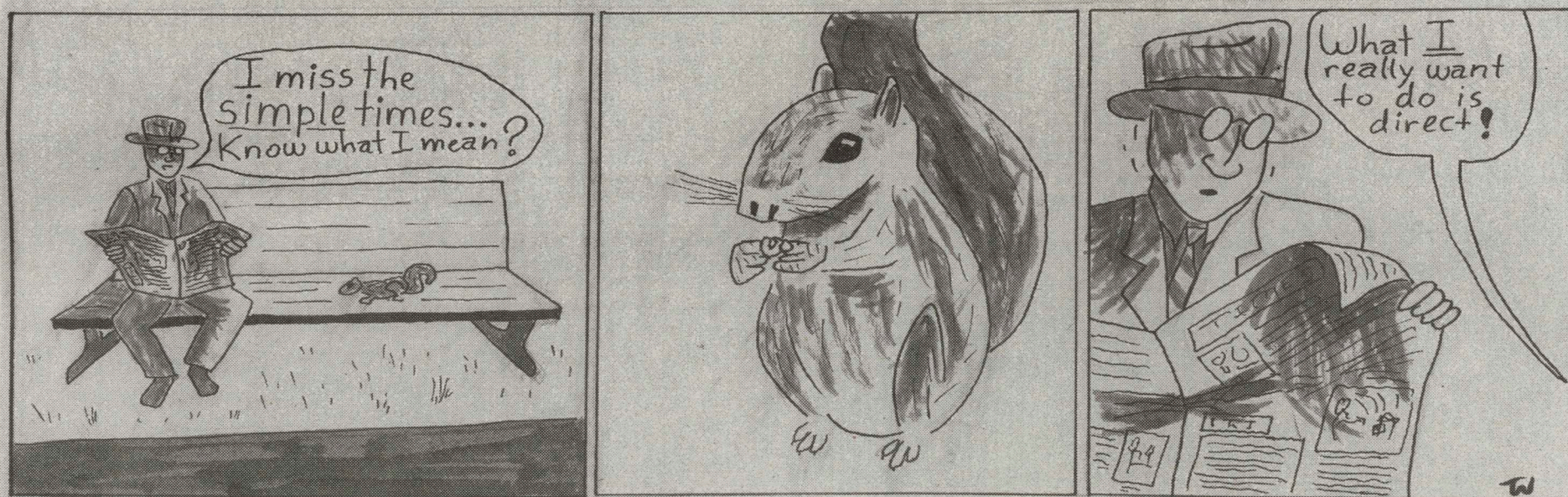
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BY TYLER WARD

## Friends on a bench



BY TYLER WARD

## Just For Shiggles



by Jenny Bigpond



## Movie Review:

## The Covenant

BY NATASHA HECKENDORN  
Pride Staff Writer

If you're looking for a relaxing film to take your mind off life for a while, I would recommend *The Covenant*. It's easy to watch and easy on the brain. There isn't much plot, just pure entertainment. If you like movies like *Lost Boys*, *Duces Wild*, and *American Outlaws*, you'll like *The Covenant*.

Although the five boys, Caleb (Steven Strait), Progue (Taylor Kitsch), Chase (Sebastian Stan), Reid (Toby Hemingway), and Tyler (Chance Crawford) are descendants from witches, they use something like super powers more than spells and chants. Hurling balls of energy at one another, the boys struggle to maintain control of this addictive habit because using the powers they have will lead to very premature aging. The action scenes are fun and the special effects are well done, but not overdone.

There are a lot of similar looking characters, which is a little confusing at first, but once you place seven or so names with characters, it's an enjoyable movie. There are also a few scantily clad girls weaved into the movie to add some diversity, but they don't have much to do with the story.

As far as suspense goes, it doesn't have it. This is an action film with

hot bodies. There aren't any surprises and the end is left open for a sequel. There's no question about who the bad guy is and no misleading suspects. Everything is laid out for the audience as they watch the characters figure out what they already know.

There are a few minor issues that you just have to ignore in order to enjoy this film. The first and most obvious is the appearance of ghosts or spirits called "darklings" are never explained. The characters know what they are, but the audience is kept in the dark. Fortunately, they don't seem to do much except give the audience a cheap thrill.

There are also a few characters introduced in the beginning that serve no purpose in the movie, adding identity confusion to an already overstuffed cast of young, attractive actors. It's hard enough to tell them apart without adding needless characters. One last thing that I found annoying was the use of dialogue to explain the plot.

Despite these faults of this movie, I did enjoy living in a fantasy world for an hour and a half where regular people get to have super natural powers. Where the good guy is completely good and the bad guy is almost completely bad. *The Covenant* is probably not going to win any awards, but it will keep you entertained.

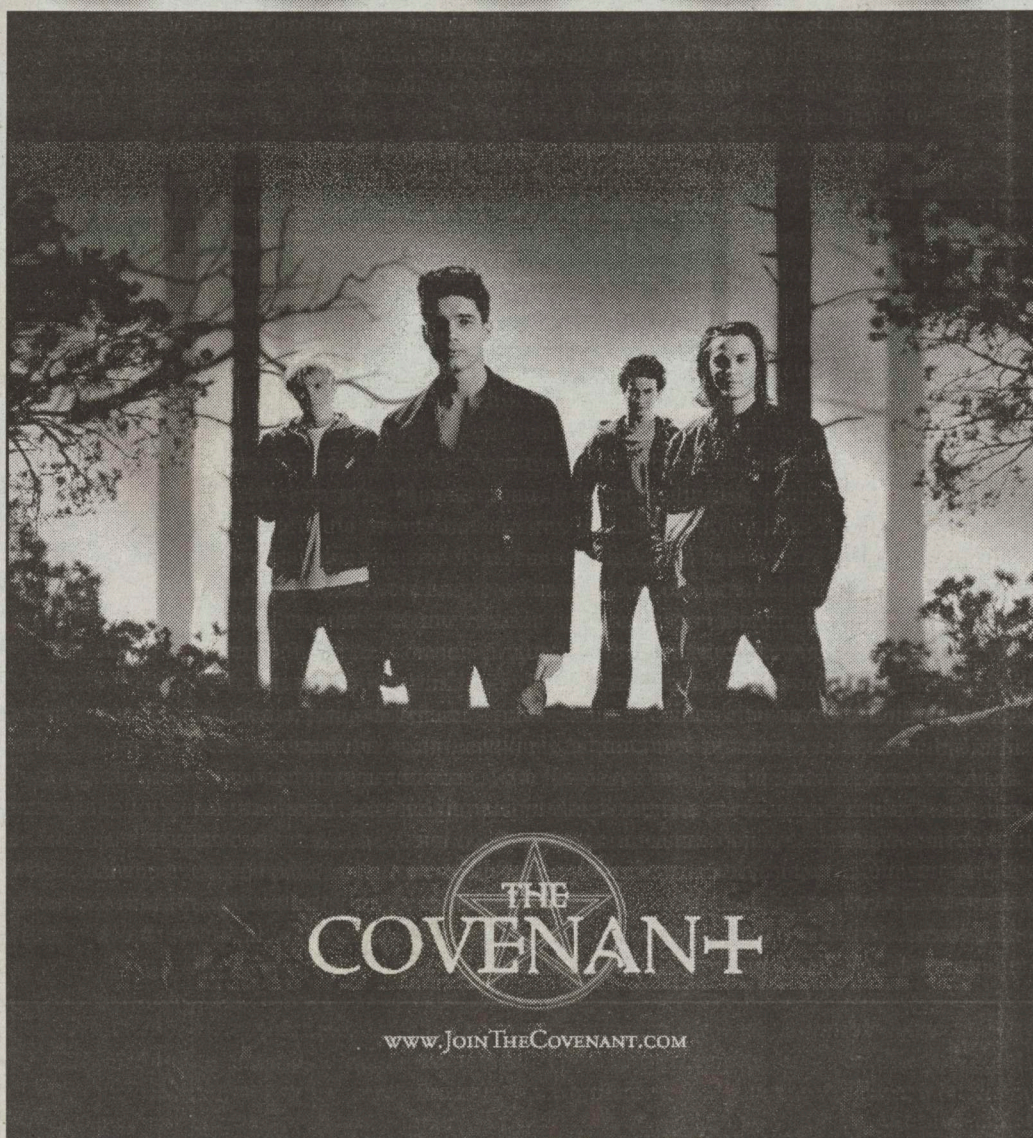
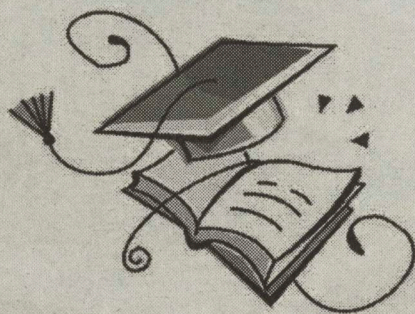


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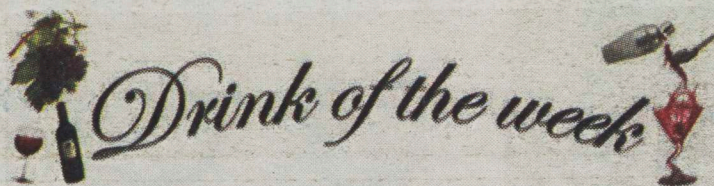
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## Strawberry Margarita

BY SOPHIE BRINK  
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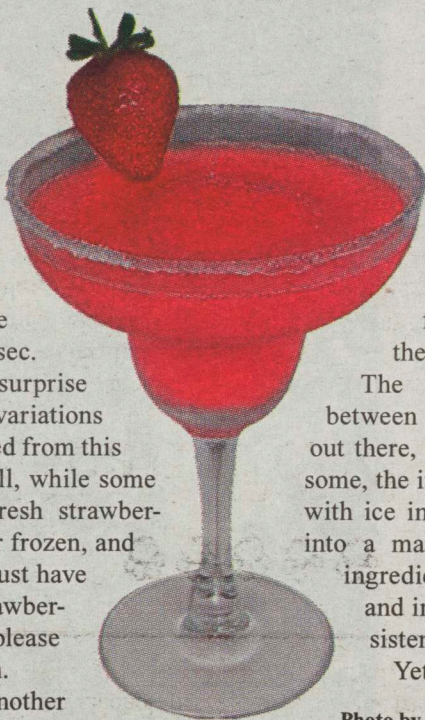
While the warm weather still calls for the perfect cool-me-down, there's really nothing that compares with a frozen drink. Cool and refreshing, with that happy, fuzzy buzz only tequila can provide, nothing fits the bill quite like a Strawberry Margarita.

Noone seems to agree on the origins of the Margarita, theories ranging from a bar owner in Acapulco named Margarita, and a bartender infatuated with a young lady named Margarita. However, this much is certain: the originator and all those who expanded upon his or her recipe are true innovators in the colorful world of mixed drinks.

A Strawberry Margarita has four basic ingredients: tequila, strawberries, lime juice, and triple sec.

It may come as a surprise that so many variations have been derived from this basic recipe. Still, while some prefer to use fresh strawberries, some prefer frozen, and others simply must have frozen sliced strawberries in syrup to please their sweet tooth.

Tequila is another



bone of contention as many have their own favorite brand. Arguably, however, any silver tequila will add a distinctive flavor whose heat will still juxtapose beautifully with the icy sweetness of the 'rita.

The biggest difference, perhaps, between the various Strawberry 'Ritas out there, is the method of blending. In some, the ingredients are stirred together with ice in a mixing glass and strained into a margarita glass. In others, the ingredients are tossed into a blender and intermingled into a slushy consistency.

Yet, no matter what recipe or

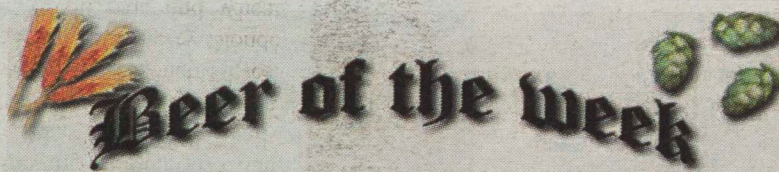
method is preferred, the Strawberry Margarita will leave its drinker duly refreshed.

A respectable Strawberry Margarita recipe (one serving):

1 ½ ounces silver tequila, ½ ounce Cointreau, 1 ounce fresh lime juice (or Rose's lime juice for a sweeter flavor), 4 ounces frozen strawberries (partially thawed), 1 scoop ice, Lime slice, 1 fresh strawberry, Coarse sugar.

Combine all ingredients, save for the lime slice, fresh strawberry, and coarse sugar, in a blender and blend until desired consistency is achieved. Rub the rim of a margarita glass with lime and dip into coarse sugar to coat. Pour mixture into glass and garnish with the fresh strawberry. Enjoy!

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## PETE'S WICKED ALE

BY DAVID BAUER  
Pride Staff Writer

September marks the end of summer, and as such it is the last chance to enjoy summer brews and the fruit flavored beers. The first time I had a Pete's Wicked Strawberry Blonde, I was a little apprehensive. The name brought to mind images of a number of sugary "malt beverages" such as Smirnoff Ice or Mike's Hard Lemonade. While many people enjoy those sorts of drinks, I am overpowered by their sweetness. So it took a considerable amount of

reassurance before I tried one and the result was an enjoyable afternoon and a new summer tradition.

Pete's Wicked Strawberry Blonde is a Golden Lager brewed and bottled since the late 1980's by Pete's Brewing Company in San Antonio, Texas. It's a widely available beer, usually sold in six and twelve packs for a reasonable price. Pete's Wicked Strawberry Blonde is brewed with pale and wheat malts, and yakima and tettnang hops. At five percent alcohol per



## STRAWBERRY BLONDE

Photo by David Gatley / The Pride

volume, it's an excellent beer for a warm afternoon, though its unique taste may not be ideal for an extended drinking session.

Pete's Wicked Strawberry Blonde pours smooth, leaving a thick, rich head which dissolves slowly leaving ropy lacings on the side of the glass. The beer itself is a pleasantly clear amber color. As it pours, you can clearly smell the wheat and a hint of strawberry flavor. It has a slightly sweet and fruity taste, but not an overpowering

one. The titular strawberry taste is not an artificial sort of strawberry candy flavor; instead it's more like the actual berry's taste. The beer as a whole has a deep and smooth taste; the sweetness of strawberry tempered against the rich, full taste of the wheat malt. The mouthfeel is cool and refreshing, and slightly crisp and carbonated. The aftertaste is a little flat, but not unpleasant.

Although available year round, this beer is best appreciated during the long days of summer; and since those days are quickly running out, it's best to enjoy a few before you miss your opportunity for the year.

### Restaurant Review:



## Marieta's Fine Mexican Food

BY SOPHIE BRINK  
Pride Staff Writer

Marieta's Fine Mexican Food is one of 18 restaurants in Old California Restaurant Row, a mission-style complex that also offers a variety of boutiques and an Edward's Cinema. Located on San Marcos Boulevard, Restaurant Row is less than three miles from CSUSM.

The visitor to Marieta's, upon entering, is enveloped by the smell of Mexican spices and a soft, buzzing energy. Low, rough-hewn beamed ceilings support hanging lamps of colored glass and numerous string lights of various shapes and sizes. The relative dimness contributes to the overall feeling of intimacy of the interior. Painted in hues of green and honey-beige, the walls are

bedecked with ceramic sun sculptures, wooden carvings, sepia-toned photographs, and paintings, one in particular depicting women dancing in a courtyard and clad in traditional mantillas.

The evening my husband and I visited, in less than five minutes the hostess had showed us to our table, our server had taken our order for drinks and an appetizer, and chips and salsa had been delivered to our table. Our server remained speedy and attentive, indeed brisk, the rest of the evening.

Patrons of the restaurant were diverse, including family groups and young and older couples. All seemed relaxed and happy, diving into carne asada, enchiladas, tacos, and other fare with a healthy gusto.

The presentation of my meal, Enchiladas Suizas, was simple, rice on one side, beans on the other, two enchiladas in between that were smothered in cheese and green tomatillo sauce and stuffed with moist, flavorful, shredded chicken.

For the tequila connoisseur or those simply seeking to become intimately acquainted with tequila, Marieta's boasts a collection of 50. One of the 50 managed to find its merry way into my strawberry margarita, smoothly blended and garnished with a slice of orange.

For two entrees, two drinks, and one appetizer we paid \$42.88. Though perhaps not a thrifty meal, we nonetheless plan to return.

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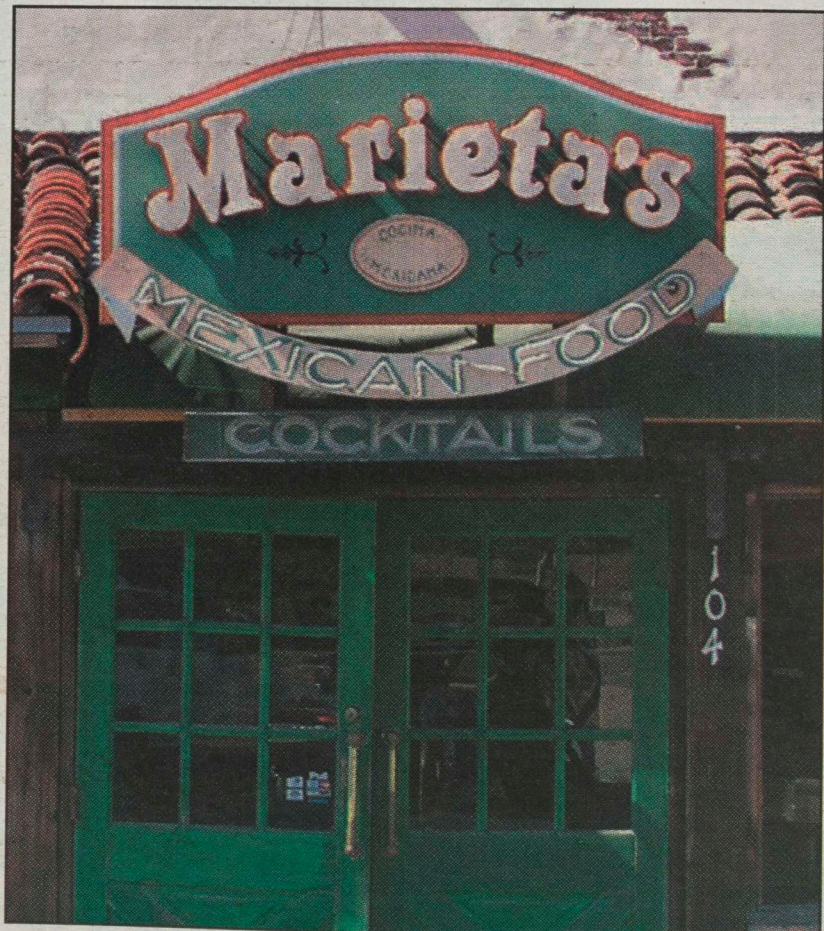


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